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PORTER COUNTY PRAISED AS HAVING INDIANA'S HIGHEST VOTER TURNOUT

INDIANAPOLIS – State Rep. Duane Cheney (D-Portage) authored a Concurrent Resolution honoring Porter County as having the highest voter turnout in Indiana for the 2004 elections held last November.

Porter County had a 74 percent voter turnout rate, which is 16 percent higher than the national rate.

"This is the third time since 2001 that Porter County has had the highest voter turnout in the state," said Cheney. "Voting is such an important and significant way citizens can actively participate in the state government and I'm proud of the citizens in Porter County for taking advantage of this opportunity to be involved."

"It is our hope that Porter County can be used as a model for maximizing voter turnout statewide," added State Rep. Ralph Ayres (R-Chesterton), a co-author of the resolution.

The concurrent resolution will most likely be heard in the state Senate today and will be sponsored by Senators Rose Antich-Carr (D-Merrillville), Sue Landske (R-Cedar Lake), and Vic Heinold (R-Kouts).

Cheney praised the following individuals for their involvement in the county's phenomenal voter turnout: Leon West, Democratic Party Chair; Keith Hall, Republican Party Chair; Jane Pecor, Board of Voter Registration; and Helen Dane, Deputy Registrar.

Besides Ayres, the co-authors of the resolution in the House were State Reps. Charlie Brown (D-Gary), Bob Kuzman (D-Crown Point), and Mary Kay Budak (R-LaPorte).